



Handbooks on Sanitation

Since it is generally recognized that sound sanitation practices are an important factor in good service, and healthful, safe, and enjoyable travel is a product of good service, a series of handbooks has been prepared by the Division of Sanitation of the Public Health Service as a guide for persons responsible for maintaining sanitation facilities on interstate carriers. The standards set forth in each conform with the interstate quarantine regulations. Each booklet contains a copy of the Public Health Service report form.

Railroad Servicing Areas

The first handbook has been prepared for persons who design and operate railroad servicing equipment and facilities, and for health department representatives and others who make periodic investigations or inspections of facilities and operations in servicing areas. This publication covers general requirements and specifications for water equipment, employee conveniences, and waste disposal.

Dining Cars in Operation

Because of the large number of passengers carried on trains today, dining car sanitation is of public health importance. The second handbook is designed for those who must apply the principles of sanitation to dining car operation and maintenance. The standards set forth include not only those for sanitization of equipment, storage and handling of utensils, and disposal of waste, but those for floors, walls, doors and windows, lighting and ventilation of the car. Food handling, storage, and the protection of food are also covered.

Passenger Car Construction

The third of the handbooks on railroad sanitation outlines standards for those concerned with incorporating provisions for sanitary

equipment in the design or construction of passenger cars. General standards for water supply facilities, toilet and lavatory facilities, and ventilating and heating are outlined for passenger cars, coaches, sleeping cars, and dormitory cars. Specifications are given for facilities, ventilation, lighting, etc., for dining and bar cars, and for handling, storing, and protecting food in these cars.

Vessels in Operation

The last handbook listed here is the second of a series on vessel sanitation. It outlines standards for persons making inspections of operating vessels, and for those supervising sanitation facilities aboard vessels. The first handbook, "Principles of Sanitation Applicable to the Construction of New Vessels," appeared in 1949. The new booklet covers potable water, wash water, swimming pools, waste disposal, vermin control, food sanitation, and rat-proofing.

Handbook on Sanitation of Railroad Servicing Areas. (Public Health Service Publication No. 66) 1951. 28 pages; illustrated. Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. 20 cents.

Handbook on Sanitation of Dining Cars in Operation. (Public Health Service Publication No. 83) 1951. 14 pages; illustrated. Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. 20 cents.

Handbook on Sanitation of Railroad Passenger Car Construction. (Public Health Service Publication, No. 95) 1951. 15 pages; illustrated. Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. 15 cents.

Handbook on Sanitation of Vessels in Operation (Public Health Service Publication No. 68) 1951. 44 pages; illustrated. Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. 25 cents.

Survey of Compounds Tested For Carcinogenic Activity

The first edition of this "Survey" covered the literature on experimental carcinogenesis through 1939. The present (second) edition brings the material up to 1947. It lists 1,329 compounds, of which 322 were reported to cause malignant tumors in animals and 35 others to induce only benign tumors.

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Hartwell, Jonathan L.: Survey of compounds which have been tested for carcinogenic activity. Ed. 2. (Public Health Service Publication No. 149) 1951. 583 pages. Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. \$4.25.

What You Should Know About Alcoholism

Prepared for the general reader, this nontechnical publication defines alcoholism and the alcoholic. The symptoms and causes of alcoholism, as far as they are known are outlined. Of importance to the lay reader are the sections on understanding and helping the alcoholic. Here the role of friends and members of the family, and local health and welfare agencies are described.

The sections on treatment include the physical build-up that is usually necessary, drug treatment, and psychiatric care. The work of organizations especially devoted to this field—Alcoholics Anonymous, the National Committee on Alcoholism, the Yale University Laboratory of Applied Physiology, the Yale Center of Alcohol Studies and the National Institute of Mental Health—is briefly covered.

Suggested sources of information, books, and other publications are listed at the end of the pamphlet.

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What You Should Know About Alcoholism. (Public Health Service Publication No. 93) 1951. 8 pages. Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. 15 cents.